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SUBJ: DUTCH CONCERN OVER US-UK AIR TALKS

1. THE DUTCH ARE GREATLY CONCERNED BY BRITIAN'S RENUNCIATION OF THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT. TRANSPORT MINISTER WESTERTERP SAID SO DURING THE SECOND CHAMBER DEBATE ON HIS DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET , AND A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COVERING TRANS- PORTATION CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE DUTCH ARE UNHAPPY AT THE PROSPECT OF A MORE RESTRICTIVE US-UK BILATERAL AGREEMENT, ECHOING WESTERTERP'S FEAR THAT AGREEMENTS BASED ON SUCH A US-UK TREATY WOULD EVENTUALLY DIMINISH HOLLAND'S ABILITY TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT.

2. WESTERTERP DREW A DIRECT PARALLEL BETWEEN THE BRITISH ACTION AND WHAT THE U.S. WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NETHERLANDS AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN 1974 AND 1975. HE IMPLIED THAT BRITISH RENUNCIATION UNDERCUT THE STRONGEST ARGUMENT MADE AGAINST THE U.S.THEN, NAMELY THAT U.S. POLICY WAS IN CONFLICT WITH THE BERMUDA PRINCIPLES.
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